



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 20, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Amazing Grace

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Let us come into the presence of God,

All one in faith and one in spirit.

One For it is good to give thanks to the Lord,

All to sing praises to God's name.

One We come seeking new life,

All trusting in God's goodness and grace.

One In gratitude and thanksgiving,

All let us worship God with joyful songs of praise.

HYMN 744 Arise, Your Light is Come!

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Merciful God, we give thanks for all your gifts of grace: the abundant life we share; families, friends, and church community who love us; and a call to use our gifts in your service. Forgive us when we become so preoccupied with our own concerns we neglect to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. Pardon our lack of courage to be your disciples wherever you lead, and help us to live to your glory, through Jesus Christ.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.



Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,
by your mer - cy rec - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

SENDING HYMN Go Now Children With Our Blessing

Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God Bless you. May God guard you. May the light of God shine upon you, and may God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Psalm 146

(pg. 581 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.

SECOND LESSON Mark 10:35-45

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 47 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 818 By Gracious Powers

INTERCESSOR

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

All **As in the early Christian community,
so in the centuries since,
the Spirit has formed and identified the church.
We acknowledge the true church of Jesus Christ
wherever the work of the Spirit is evident:
in preaching and sacraments,
in the new life and continuous growth of believers,
in sharing of the spiritual gifts and material things,
in mission and service to the world.**

- from A Declaration of Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BRYN MAWR GIVES LIGHT MINISTRY MOMENT

Seth Pidot

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all who is in you all. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God.

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

HYMN 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE March

William Mathias

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Marilyn Loos - October 13, 2024

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

One of our more contemporary hymns, *Let Us Build a House*, includes this refrain: *All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.* It bears repeating! This church is a place to encounter friends who have been here longer than they can remember and first-time visitors, young and old and in between, seasoned disciples of Christ and seekers of spiritual connection. Through worship, program, fellowship, and mission, we are growing as a community of faith, and your presence is a sign of our genuine welcome.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors in the Atrium following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday worship services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

Worship & Music Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
the Rev. Dr. David B. Watermulder and Ruth Watermulder

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anne M. & Edward A.
Flood, Jr

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Nancy Lawrence Hill

Announcements

NEW ANOUNCEMENTS

Bryn Mawr Gives Light: Stewardship 2025.

Dedication Sunday is a week away. By pledge card in your pew, mail, or online, we are grateful for your willingness to share your financial commitment to our congregation. This week, we note that children and youth programming depend on your stewardship gifts. Your gifts are critical to the continued success and strength of our church. Thank you!

BMPC eNews. Are you receiving the weekly BMPC eNews in your inbox? Would you like to receive monthly eNewsletters from specific ministry areas, a digital copy of the Messenger, or Community Forum updates? Sign up at eepurl.com/gAc9RP or contact LBuscaglia@bmpc.org

APNC Open Forum. Sun., Oct. 27, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Nominating Committee for the Associate Pastor for Congregational Care will hold one last gathering for church members to share their hopes as we seek the pastor to fill this position.

Sign up for the Christmas Eve Pageant!

Sign up by Mon., Nov. 4, if your child wants to participate in the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on Tues., Dec. 24. Our youngest participants must be at least three years old (our sheep!). Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org if they would like to speak, read, or act. Please let us know if you want to volunteer to help with the service!

Church-wide Line Dance and Potluck Dinner. Fri., Nov. 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall and Gym. C'mon down, enjoy great food, put on your dancing shoes, and step into BMPC's Church-wide Line Dance Party. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. in Congregational Hall, followed by line dancing for all in the Gym. Instructor and line dance caller Donna Boyle will guide beginners and experts of all ages! Bring a side dish or dessert, and let MonicaDevane@bmpc.org know if you can attend.

Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag. Sun., Nov. 10, 6:00 p.m., Gym. Current 6th-12th graders are invited to the annual youth Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag event! Arrive at 6 p.m. in the gym for pizza. Games will follow at 6:30 p.m. Register at bit.ly/GlowCTF Contact, AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Thanksgiving Day Pancake Breakfast Volunteer Opportunity. Thurs., Nov. 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. We are looking for youth and adult volunteers to help make and serve the breakfast for our annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast! Our youth and their families host this event to help raise funds for trips throughout the year. Sign up for a timeslot! bit.ly/ThanksgivingPancakesVol

TODAY

Hurricane Relief. To make a donation to assist with hurricane recovery, you can

make a direct financial contribution to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by indicating Hurricane Relief on the memo line of your check. Donations may be given through today's offering or sent directly to the church office during the week.

Navigating Difficult Conversations. Sun., Oct. 20, 11:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. A 90 min. workshop to develop skills for engaging productively with sensitive and challenging topics; conducting yourself so that conversations, even around divisive subjects, can be opportunities to build understanding rather than occasions that deepen conflict; and discovering how your own opinions and triggers influence your ability to enter into conversation with integrity and objectivity. Sponsored by Interfaith Philadelphia. Lunch will be provided.

UPCOMING

Looking For A Church Home? Mon., Oct. 28 & Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Join the Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet for "Discover BMPC" classes which will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, Presbyterian heritage, and mission. Inquirers welcome. Visit bit.ly/BMPCNewMember to register. Questions? Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

Join Or Die: A film about why you should join a club... and why the fate of America depends on it. Wed., Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. In conjunction with our discussion of Robert Putnam's book *The Upswing* on Oct. 30, we will also be screening the new documentary featuring Putnam. The film follows the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the lens of his research. The 90-minute film explores three urgent civic questions: What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis? And, most importantly, what can we do about it?

Pastors' Book Group, *The Upswing*. Wed., Oct. 30, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join the Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet for a discussion of Robert Putnam's most recent book – *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again*. This book represents a capstone to Putnam's illustrious career as the sociologist and political scientist who helped us all come to understand the incredible value of connections across the community and the building of social capital. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to reserve a copy of the book.

Braiding Sweetgrass. Mon., Nov. 4, 11, 18. 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join this three-week conversation on Robin Wall Kimmerer's striking book, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific*

Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants as we examine our call as people of faith to be engaged in the work of Environmental Justice. This conversation will be led by Dr. Joshua Yoder, who will help the class make connections to the ways that biblical wisdom on creation care connects with Kimmerer's writings. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to reserve a copy of the book.

S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous! An Evening Gala Featuring our Staff Singers. Sat., Nov. 9, 5:00–8:00 p.m., Merion Cricket Club. Registration spots are filling up quickly for an evening of food, drink, conversation, song, and exciting silent auction items—all to support funding to include BMPC's illustrious roster of Staff Singers on the Sanctuary Choir's upcoming Choir Tour to France in June 2025. Registration is \$125 (\$65 tax deductible) per person. Secure your spot now at bit.ly/swonderfulgala

CARING & SHARING

Soup Needed. Our Soup Ministry supply is getting low. Please consider dropping off some soup to be given to those in the congregation who need it. We have stocked quart/pint containers with spill-proof lids and freezer-proof labels that you can pick up from the church. Please include the kind of soup, ingredients, and date made. Contact, KathrynWest@bmpe.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Witherspoon Parlor
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:00 a.m. "Faces of Resilience" Exhibit, Gallery
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. Navigating Difficult Conversations, Congregational Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Soup for Souper Teachers, Ed. Bldg. Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 7:00 p.m. Finding Meaning Book Group, virtual
- 7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:30 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room
- 6:00 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday's Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 p.m. Beginners' Choir Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 4:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Join or Die Movie Screening, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Meditation Sampler, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Rehearsal Room
- 11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 8:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, virtual
- 11:00 a.m. Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture, Fine Arts Kitchen

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Witherspoon Parlor

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at <https://bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline> or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



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